

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Adolph et al.

Serial No.

Group Art Unit:

Filed: February 4, 2000

For: HYDROLYZABLE
PREPOLYMERS FOR EXPLOSIVE AND
PROPELLANT BINDERS

Examiner:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the attached continuation application, which is based upon application serial number 09/497,873, filed on February 4, 2000, as follows.

In the Specification

Please add the following prior to the first line, page one of the specification:

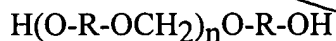
This application is a continuation of pending application number 09/497,873, filed February 4, 2000.

In the Claims

Please delete claims 1, 2, and 13-20.

Please add the following claims:

21. A degradable prepolymer for explosive and propellant compositions, comprising the general formula



wherein R comprises a carbon or carbon/heteroatom chain;

wherein n comprises a numeral from about 1 to about 20; and,